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Briefing of Service Attaches by CIA

REFERENCES: a. Memorandum of 27 December 1949, from Chief, COAPS, to AD/ORE, subject as above, with enclosure

b. Memorandum to Chief, COAPS, from AD/ORE dated 1 February 1950, subject: Conferences with US Government Officials Returning from Abroad, with enclosure and attachments.

1. In view of the feeling of the three service IAC agencies that the added formality of a DCID is unnecessary in this matter, ORE concurs in your proposal to drop the idea of issuing such a DCID.

2. However, ORE believes that some binding agreement such as an "IAC Operating Procedure" in the new series should be reached with the three service IAC agencies to confirm existing procedures in this matter. Although current practices are now agreeable to all concerned, things have not always been entirely satisfactory. At one time, the Department of the Army was extremely reluctant to permit the briefing of its outgoing attaches and assistant attaches by the Central Intelligence Agency. Although this reluctance no longer exists, it is believed advisable to reach a formal understanding with them and with the other two service IAC agencies on certain operating procedures, as proposed in the attachment to the enclosure, so that there will be no question as to the Central Intelligence Agency's clear responsibility for the indoctrination of newly appointed service attaches and assistant service attaches, particularly with reference to the collection requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. It is therefore recommended that the enclosure be transmitted to the three service IAC agencies for processing of the attachment. After the final text is agreed upon, it is recommended that it be issued as an "IAC Operating Procedure" in the new series of issuances proposed by reference b.

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THEODORE BABBITT

Enclosure
   Draft of Circular Memorandum
   with attachment

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Mr. Attache